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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Administration

FROM: Bruce T. Johnson
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SUBJECT: ODP Report for Week Ending 8 July 1981

FIPS Waiver

At a meeting on 7 July at the Department of Commerce, ODP received a formal waiver of Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) 60-1, 61 and 63 for certain planned FY 1982 procurement actions. (These FIPS are concerned with I/O channel interface standards.) The waiver, signed by the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Productivity, Technology and Innovation, Robert B. Ellert, allows ODP to proceed with the procurement of non-conforming high density disk equipment and the associated I/O channel upgrades. This non-conforming equipment is required because of performance, configuration and environmental constraints in the ODP Ruffing and Special Centers. Mr. Ellert also indicated that Commerce action to delegate waiver authority to the head of agencies was running into problems and we would be forced to follow existing procedures for the near future. The procedures, which worked well, require cleared Commerce personnel to review CIA waiver requests on Agency premises. In addition, all paper work is kept in special FIPS files in the office of the Director of Data Processing.

Power Outages Disrupt Ruffing Center

The Ruffing Center lost all primary power Tuesday, 7 July, at 1520 hrs, shutting down all systems and causing circuit and data damage. The JES batch system was back up some 5 hours later, but with many disk drives unavailable. While JES was down the Comten communication computers could not be loaded and thus VR and every other terminal-oriented application was not available for 5 hours also. A power failure Monday morning, 6 July, caused losses of up to 46 minutes. These incidents marred an otherwise excellent week in the Center.

Support to the DCI

STAT A requirements study was completed for the DCI's Headquarters and Executive Office Building offices. A word processor will be installed at each location with a communications link between the two offices. All paper work has been forwarded to procurement Division, OL. [REDACTED]

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